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SENATE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Corrections is
3 integral to the public safety of the citizens of the State of
4 Illinois; and

5 WHEREAS, The Illinois Department of Corrections' parole
6 division and Intelligence Unit are crucial in monitoring and
7 collecting data and information on potential criminal
8 activity, including activity regarding organized crime and
9 gang activity; and

10 WHEREAS, The integrity of all employees at the Department
11 is necessary for the safety of the public, Correctional
12 employees, and inmates; and

13 WHEREAS, An investigation by the Chicago Sun-Times found
14 that an employee was assigned to the Department's Intelligence
15 Unit and subsequently as advisor to the Chief of Parole; that
16 employee was issued a handgun during his time at the
17 Intelligence Unit; and

18 WHEREAS, The investigation found that the Department
19 signed off on these actions despite the employee's two dozen
20 previous arrests on charges including illegal gun possession,
21 arson, attempted robbery, and assault; the employee also

1 admitted to being a former gang member; and

2 WHEREAS, The employee had been fired from the Department of
3 Children and Family Services due to an investigation by the
4 Department's Inspector General finding that he wrote hundreds
5 of lewd emails while at work; and

6 WHEREAS, The Department of Corrections must follow
7 statute, regulations, and administrative rules in its hiring
8 process; therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, BY THE SENATE OF THE NINETY-EIGHTH GENERAL
10 ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that the Auditor General is
11 directed to conduct an investigatory compliance audit of the
12 hiring process at the Illinois Department of Corrections; and
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That the audit include, but not be limited to,
15 the following determinations:

16 (1) a compilation of the relevant laws, regulations, and
17 internal policies regarding the hiring process at the
18 Department;

19 (2) a review of the process to clear potential employees
20 for specific responsibilities and privileges; and

21 (3) an audit to determine the fidelity to which these
22 processes are followed and whether any statutes,

1 regulations, or directives were violated in the issuance of
2 a handgun to a felon; and be it further

3 RESOLVED, That any State agency that may have information
4 relevant to this audit cooperate fully and promptly with the
5 Auditor General's Office in the conducting of its audit; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That the Auditor General commence this audit as
8 soon as possible and report his or her findings and
9 recommendations upon completion in accordance with the
10 provisions of Section 3-14 of the Illinois State Auditing Act.